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THIS IS A PROJECT NEWLIFE DEAG AND SENIOR CIVIL COORDINATOR SITREP
NR. 6.

1. GENERAL. CONDITIONS IN ALL CAMPS REMAIN SATISFACTOR WITH NO
MAJOR PROBLEMS. AS OF 1800 HOURS FOURTH MAY 43,657 REFUGEES HAVE
BEEN RECEIVED ON GUAM, THE PRESENT POPULATION IS 26,303 AND TOTAL
DEPARTED 17,354.

2. HEALTH AND SANITATION. THE GENERAL HEALTH STATUS OF EVACUEES
REMAINS UNCHANGED. THE HEALTH STATUS OF NEWLY ARRIVING EVACUEES
IS SIMILAR TO THAT OF EARLIER GROUPS.

THE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM REMAINS ON SCHEDULE WITH ADDITIONAL
VACCINES ARRIVING ON 5/4/75 TOGETHER WITH AN ADDITIONAL
USPHS/CDC EPIDEMIOLOGIST. SPECIFIC DISEASES OF INTEREST ARE;

A. ONE ADDITIONAL PATIENT WITH HEMORRHAGIC FEVER SYNDROME HAS
BEEN ADMITTED TO THE NRMC.

B. DIPHTHERIA SUSPECTED IN ONE CHILD ADMITTED ON 5/2/75 WITH
RESPIRATORY DISTRESS AND PNEUMONIA. USPHS HAS RECOMMENDED
CULTURES FOR ALL CONTACTS AS APPROPRIATE.

3. PUBLIC AFFAIRS. AT THE PRESS BRIEFING INS CLARIFIED A POLICY
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MISREPRESENTATION IN YESTERDAY'S PACIFIC DAILY
NEWS THAT VIETNAMESE QUOTE UNDESIRABLES UNQUOTE WOULD ALL
BE LEFT ON GUAM AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE OPERATION. EDWARD
O'CONNOR EXPLAINED THAT REGULAR IMMIGRATION RULES AND
PROCEDURES APPLIED TO ANY VIETNAMESE INDICATING A PREFERENCE FOR
SETTLING IN GUAM. HE ALSO DESCRIBED THE EFFORTS BEING MADE TO

SETTLE THE REFUGEES EQUITABLY AND WITH DUE REGARD FOR THEIR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC WELFARE.

ENCOURAGED PRESS TO COVER CANADIAN IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS HERE TO PROCESS VIETNAMESE INTO CANADA AS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF THIRD COUNTRY SUPPORT. PLAN TO HAVE MR CHIRSTENSEN OF ICEM AVAILABLE TOMORROW TO ANSWER PRESS QUERIES ABOUT THIRD COUNTRY SETTLEMENT.

4. STATE/AID. FOREIGN SERVICE AND AID OFFICERS CONTINUED TO ASSIST IN ALL CAMPS AS REPORTED IN SITREP NO. 5.

5. GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF GUAM. SPEAKER JOE ADA OF GUAM LEGISLATURE MADE PUBLIC RELEASE OPPOSING USE OF GUAM AS A QUOTE DUMPING GROUND FOR REFUGEE REJECTS UNQUOTE. HE WAS RESPONDING TO A STORY IN YESTERDAY'S PAPER FROM GANNETT NEWS SERVICES WASHINGTON BUREAU WHICH REPORTED ON USG LETTER TO SENATOR CRANSTON STATING THAT USG WOULD DETAIN INDEFINITELY ON GUAM ALL BAR GIRLS, PROSTITUTES AND OTHERS OF QUESTIONABLE BACKGROUNDS. ADA STATED QUOTE THE FACT THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HOLDS US IN SO LITTLE REGARD THAT THEY WOULD EVEN CONSIDER SUCH A MOVE IS SHOCKING. THIS ACTION CAN ONLY RESULT IN A MAJOR INCREASE IN CRIME, IN THE DESTRUCTION OF MORAL ATTITUDES AND VALUES AND WOULD TOTALLY DESTROY THE REPUTATION AND IMAGE OF GUAM BOTH NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY. THE PEOPLE OF GUAM ARE WARM AND HOSPITABLE PEOPLE BUT TURNING GUAM INTO A SORT OF DEVIL'S ISLAND- GUAM'S IMAGE WOULD BE PERMANENTLY AND IRREPARABLY DAMAGED UNQUOTE. ABOVE WORDS APPEARED ON PAGE 20 OF LAOCAL PAPER WITH STATEMENT THAT ADA HAD EXPRESSED HIS FEELINGS IN MESSAGES TO PRESIDENT FORD, SECSTATE AND GUAM WASH REPRESENTATIVE WON PAT. AT NEWS CONFERENCE TODAY MR. O'CONNOR MADE STATEMENT THAT NO REFUGEES FOUND THUS FAR IN UNDESIRABLE CATEGORIES OF PROSTITUTION, NARCOTICS, OR CRIMINAL CASES. HE ALSO CLARIFIED POINT THAT IF ANY SUCH ARE FOUND THEY WOULD BE DETAINED IN COMPOUNDS ON GUAM UNTIL FINAL DISPOSITION AND NOT BE ALLOWED TO SETTLE INTO LOCAL GUAM COMMUNITY. HE ALSO ALLAYED LOCAL FEARS THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE NO INFLUENCE ON NUMBERS OR CHARACTERISTICS OF REFUGEES SETTLING PERMANENTLY ON GUAM. HOPEFULLY LOCAL NEWS REPORTS OF HIS STATEMENT WILL CALM DOWN LOCAL COMMUNITY'S FEARS OF UNCLASSIFIED

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BECOMING A DUMPING GROUND FOR UNDESIRABLE REFUGEES.

6. INS. NO REPORT THIS DATE; WILL VERIFY IN SITREP NO. 7.

7. VOLAGS.

A. ICEN/IRC/CRS. AS OF 1700 HOURS MAY FOURTH 102 REFUGEES WERE IDENTIFIED AND REGISTERED FOR COUNTRIES OTHER THAN THE USA AS FOLLOWS; CANADA 74; FRANCE 13; AUSTRALIA 9; NEW ZEALAND 1; HONG KONG 2; IRAN 1; TAIWAN 2.

B. AMERICAN RED CROSS. THE AMERICAN RED CROSS HAD TWO THOUSAND SETS OF NEW CLOTHING - SHIRTS AND PANTS - AND 6,000 T-SHIRTS DELIVERED TO THE NAVAL AIR STATION FOR DISTRIBUTION TO RVN MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO ARRIVED ON FLIGHTS FROM P.I. ARC HAS CONTRACTED FOR THE PURCHASE OF 40,000 MEN'S PANTS AND SHIRTS, 30,000 PIECES OF WOMEN'S CLOTHING, 10,000 PIECES OF CHILDREN'S APPAREL, AND 50,000 PAIRS OF RUBBER SANDALS THROUGH A LOCAL MERCHANT REFERRED TO THEM BY THE NAVY PURCHASING OFFICE. THESE ITEMS

PLUS A SUPPLEMENT OF LOCAL USED CLOTHING SHOULD MEET THE IMMEDIATE
NEEDS OF THE EVACUEES ARRIVING BY SURFACE TRANSPORTATION. IN
ADDITION, THE REGULAR VOLUNTEER AND WELFARE SERVICES TO THE CAMP
INHABITANTS CONTINUE.

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